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**Douglas A. Ducey, Governor
Darren T. Ellingson, Acting Director**

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Governor Names New Acting Director of Insurance

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Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey has appointed Darren T. Ellingson as Acting Director of Insurance. Ellingson replaces Germaine Marks, who recently resigned as Director to accept a position in the private sector. "I look forward to continuing the great work started by Ms. Marks and will work to ensure Arizona remains a business-friendly environment for insurers while protecting insurance consumers," Ellingson said. Ellingson has served as the Arizona Department of Insurance Deputy Director since 2013, overseeing the department's day-to-day operations and its divisions.

Prior to joining the Arizona insurance department, Ellingson was an administrator for multiple health care facilities in Oklahoma and Arkansas. He also served as the Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Deputy Receiver, and Assistant General Counsel for the Oklahoma Insurance Department and is a veteran of the United States Navy. Throughout the course of his career as an insurance regulator, Ellingson has been an active participant in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Ellingson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration from the University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota, and earned his Juris Doctor from the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

About the Arizona Department of Insurance

The Arizona Department of Insurance, an agency of the State of Arizona, is responsible for the education and protection of insurance consumers and for oversight of the insurance industry in the state.